



SET FOR FIRST PERFORMANCE . . . Cast members of the Torrance Community Players wound up rehearsals this week and are set for tomorrow night's opening performance of "Our Town" at the Torrance High School auditorium. The centrally-staged production will run Friday and Saturday evenings. Caught during rehearsal were Duane Ryan, at left, the "Stage Manager"; Betty Henley, who plays Mrs. Webb, holding son "Wally," portrayed by John Lafferty; and Elaine Rehwoldt, "Rebecca Gibbs," who look aghast at "Simon Stimpson," the inebriated choirmaster, played by Hal Laudeman.

Opens Tomorrow

Central Staging Of 'Our Town' A First

Something new in theater history for Torrance takes place starting tomorrow evening when "Our Town," the Thornton Wilder Pulitzer Prize winning play, opens for a two-night run at the Torrance High School auditorium. The curtain will go up at 8:15. It is the first centrally-staged production to be offered local residents by a Torrance group.

Dan D. Desmond, director of the Torrance Community Players, has revealed.

Cast are a whole host of Torrance residents as well as people from neighboring communities and colleges. Lead parts are taken by Bill Carnahan, Elaine Rehwoldt, Betty Henley, Duane Ryan, Bob-Click Elsie Pestoff, Barbara Burkman and Ed Guth.

Sponsored by the Adult Education Division of the local union school district, the Community Players promise a whole evening of good entertainment for mom, dad and the family. Tickets sell for only 50 cents per seat.

Play Novel

Central staging, according to Desmond, makes the play as novel as it is interesting. The audience is seated entirely around the stage, and actors must act as if they actually were living, not merely facing towards the front of the stage, and the seated performers.

Profits from this production will go to the National Theatrical Society, troupe No. 1133, made up of drama students at Torrance High School.

"Our Town" depicts a "per-

Nursery School Backers To Meet This Evening

A group of local parents interested in organizing a cooperative nursery school is to meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hattem, 820 Maple Ave. Any parent desiring to attend the meeting or wishing more information regarding the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School, proposed name for the school, is invited to telephone Torrance 2834-J, or 2157-J.

Organizers of the group are attempting to bring the best in nursery school programs to preschool children in the Torrance area. Emphasis is to be placed on participation and education of parents.

According to Mrs. Hattem, a recent article in Parents Magazine by Dr. Benjamin S. Miller, of the Brigham Hospital in Boston, states that in the doctor's opinion a good nursery school experience is more important to children than a college education.

Others in the cast include Loug McClay, Mary Lou Hutchison, Jofran Ruber, Brian Pressler, Hal Schwartz, Ethel Dowling, John Lafferty, Donna Atture, Evelyn Lanz, Hal Laudeman, Hugh Benson and Charlie Labbitt.

Advisory Group Tours LA Harbor With Councilman

Twelve members of the Shoring Advisory Committee to Councilman John S. Gibson joined with other committee members from the 15th Councilmanic District to tour the harbor in a special excursion boat last week-end.

Participating were Mrs. W. C. Sidwell, H. T. Unander, E. Erickson, B. Rusk, A. Green, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vogler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrell, and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Reese.

Some 70 persons, including Councilman Gibson, took the two-hour tour and were served lunch on the Sheerwater.

Band to Give Free Concert In City Park

The Torrance Area Youth Band under the direction of James Van Dyke will present an hour-long concert on Sunday in the band shell at the Torrance City Park.

The concert will start at 1 p.m. The program is the second in a series of free programs by the Torrance Recreation Commission.

Last week 500 picnickers witnessed a program staged by Bettie Thomas and the Torrance Accordionettes. On the program also were trampoline acts, tumbling, and several dance routines.

Damage Nil To Edison Co.

Relatively insignificant damage to Southern California Edison Co. facilities resulted from the July 21 Tehachapi earthquake, recorded as the most severe in the history of the Southland, L. E. Jenkins, district manager, reported yesterday.

Practically all trouble was caused by lines swinging together, temporarily shorting out circuits, Jenkins said. Generating plants and sub-stations were generally unharmed.

Altogether 356 Edison Co. circuits were interrupted but within minutes, in many areas, service was restored. In Tehachapi service was restored by 10:30 a.m. to all buildings still able to use electricity.

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Walteria News Notes By BETTY MITCHELL Phone Lonita 2635-W

It seems everyone is having cat trouble nowadays. Just two weeks ago we had a missing cat in our family. Cases are now reversed, since instead of one too few, there is now one too many. The story goes like this. Linda Baker of 24212 Adolph Ave. has a cat who is anticipating a visit from the cat stork. Monday afternoon she was told that her cat was down at the park with four new little kittens. Rushing down to the park she spied the big dark tiger-stripe mother and brood and so she gathered her up and took her home to make her com-

fortable. When mother cat was well situated and happy, Linda happened to look out the window, and saw much to her dismay that her cat was sitting on the backyard fence, still anticipating, while the usurper was comfortably installed in her bed. So does anybody want a cat, or kitten, or both??? If so Linda will be glad to accommodate you.

More News about these lucky people who have been going on vacations seems in order. Lowell and Larry Newbill, Neece Ave., returned last week from spending some time up at Pops Willow Lake near Pasadena. The Ray C. Behass family of Neece Ave. are back after a very enjoyable three-day jaunt during which they visited Reno, Nevada. . . Mrs. Clyde Fitzhugh and sons recently enjoyed a trip to Ft. Worth, Texas, where they visited friend sand relatives. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reed also of Neece Ave. Upon their return from Texas the boys journeyed to Bakersfield where they spent some time visiting their grandmother. By the way, Mr. Fitzhugh is in a hospital in Aradiba after being injured by a sledgehammer. He is employed in that distant place by an oil company. . . Enjoying a vacation in the High Sierras are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Christians and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Heintz. They are spending two weeks at St. Mary's Lake. . . Two pleasant days were spent at Catalina Island last week by Mrs. Joyce Beers and her mother, Mrs. Clara Williams. Both of the women live on Newton St.

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National Supply Reports Income, Sales Show Increase Over 1951

Net sales and net income of the National Supply Co. in the first half of 1952 showed an increase over those of the first half of 1951, it was announced yesterday following a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Net sales totaled \$107,135,000, compared with \$103,633,000 in the first half of 1951. Net income for the period was \$4,982,549, compared with \$4,570,724 a year ago.

Earnings per share of common stock in the first six months of this year were \$3.21, compared with \$2.94 for the same period last year.

Provision for taxes on income under the present tax laws totaled \$563,000 on the first half-year earnings.

At the meeting the directors declared the regular dividends of \$1.12 1/2 per share on the preferred stock and 50 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 1 to stockholders of record Sept. 17.

Strike Effect Told

In reporting to the directors, President A. E. Walker explained that both sales and net income in the last half of the year will reflect the result of the steel strike, which on June 2 closed the company's pipe mills at Ambridge and Etna, Pa. Its plants at Torrance; Springfield and Toledo, Ohio and Houston, Tex., although not closed by the strike, have been forced to reduce operations due to the shortage of steel.

Even prior to the strike, which was just settled, the nation's production of tubular goods, including drill pipe, casing and tubing, was far behind the demand. The strike aggravated these shortages, and has already seriously curtailed production.

On June 9 there were 2994 rotary drilling rigs in operation

in the United States and Canada. On July 21, because of the shortage of tubular goods, this total had dropped to 2611.

Public Notices

TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

July 30, 1952 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the above date, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

315 Border Avenue Torrance

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the State Board of Equalization for issuance of an alcoholic beverage license (or licenses) for these premises, as follows:

On-sale Beer

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such license (s) may file a verified protest with the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, California, stating grounds for denial as provided by law.

NICK J. MICALE 7-July 31, 1952

TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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1705 E. CARSON ST. TORRANCE

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ON-SALE BEER ONLY

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JAMES A. RUSSELL AND FENNY TAYLOR T-July 31

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